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Chester Port Health Authority.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1946.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CHESTER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my ANNUAL REPORT for 1946.

Board.

The composition of your Board and the extent of its jurisdiction are the same as in previous years.

Foreign Trade.

During the past year Vessels arrived at Rhyl laden with Timber, and at Mostyn with Wood Pulp.

Coastwise.

This traffic has shown substantial increase during the year.

No passengers entered the Port.

Inspection.

The usual systematic inspection of both Foreign and Coastwise Vessels has been carried out with regard to Sickness, Water Supply, Ventilation, Sanitary conditions of the Crews' quarters, and the presence of Rats. No cases of serious illness were detected.

A few minor defects were found on inspection in certain of the Coastwise Vessels, to which the attention of the Master was drawn with subsequent improvement.

No cases of Infectious Diseases occurred in the Port during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. LLEWELLYN JONES,
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., M.O.H.

HAWARDEN,
April 15th, 1947.

I. Amount of Shipping entered the Port during the year 1946.

		Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected. By the Medical Officer of Health.	Number Inspected. By the Sanitary Inspector.	Number reported to be Defective.	Number of Vessels on which defects were remedied.	No. of Vessels reported as having, or having had, during voyage Inf. Disease on board.
Foreign.....	Steamers	23	4610	20	23	8	8	
	*Motor	45	5943		45	2	2	
	Sailing	5	352		5			Nil
	Fishing	—	—					
Total Foreign		73	10985	20	73	10	10	
Coastwise..	Steamers	145	18604	20	40	8	8	
	*Motor	220	22657	12	20	4	4	Nil
	Sailing	7	750			3	3	
	Fishing	—	—					
Total Coastwise		372	42012	32	60	15	15	Nil
Total Foreign and Coastwise ...		445	52917	52	133	25	25	Nil

* Includes mechanically-propelled vessels other than steamers.

II. Character of Trade Port:—

Passenger Traffic during the Year 1946:—

Cargo Traffic. Principal Imports—Timber, Wood Pulp, Iron Ore, Esparto Grass and Scrap Iron.

Principal Exports—Galvanized Steel Sheeting.

Foreign Ports from which Vessels arrived—

III. Source of Water Supply:—

Rhyl—Supply of the Rhyl Urban District Council.

Connah's Quay—Supply of the Connah's Urban District Council.

Mostyn—Supply of the Holywell Rural District Council.

IV. Port Health Regulations, 1933:—

On arrival at the Port of Foreign Vessels, the Customs Officer, along with the Officer of the Sanitary Authority, board the ship. The Declaration of Health form is filled in and signed by the Master.

Moorings Stations designated under Article 10.

(a) Within the Docks—None.

(b) Outside the Docks:—

(1) Mostyn Deep.

(2) The Rhyl Roadstead off the Parade between the Pier and the East Bank of the River Clwyd.

Standing Exemptions.

Authority for Officers to allow certain unclean Vessels to proceed to their usual place of mooring, discharge, or loading, where a death or case of the following diseases has occured on such vessels:—

Acute Polio-Encephalitis.	German Measles (Rubella).
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	Measles.
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	Membranous Croup.
Chicken Pox.	Malaria.
Continued Fever.	Pneumonia (either Primary or Influenzal).
Diphtheria.	Relapsing Fever.
Dysentry.	Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever).
Epidemic Infantile Paralysis.	Trench Fever.
Encephalitis Lethargica.	Tuberculosis (all Forms).
Erysipelas.	Typhoid Fever (Enteric Fever).

Hospital Accommodation.

Arrangements have been made by which cases of plague, cholera and yellow fever, occuring at the Port, will be transferred by Ambulance and treated at the Port of Liverpool Hospital. Cases of Smallpox and other Infectious Diseases will be removed by Ambulance and treated at the Chester Isolation Hospital.

Arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease among sailors have been made with the Royal Infirmary, Chester.

No case of Infectious Disease occured on vessels during the voyage or was landed from vessels at the port.

V. Measures against Rodents. The number of Rats destroyed during the year were: On Vessels 5; and in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses 104 approx.. Total 109.

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during the year—Nil.

VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces—Number inspected during the year: British Vessels 60; Other Nations 73. Dirt, vermin and other conditions predjudicial to health: British Vessels 12 (11 remedied without difficulty; 1 Vessel, The Rivilin, reported to owners); Other Nations 6.

VII. Food Inspection. Shell Fish—There are Shell Fish beds at Parkgate, within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority. These are not liable to pollution by sewage.

(1) Report on Cockles and Mussels—No pathogenic organism found. Heavy growth of staphlococci coliform bacilli. (2) Report on samples of Cockles: B.coli per fish 17; Coliform organisms per fish 35; B.welchii per fish 60; Faecal Streptococci per fish 1.